

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Committee: **FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

Date: NOVEMBER 1, 2007

Committee Members Present:

Supervisors Bentley
VanNess
Mason
Geraghty
Girard

Others Present:

Candace Kelly, Director, Office for the Aging
Christie Sabo, Fiscal Manager, OFA
William Resse, Director, Employment &
Training Administration
Sharon Sano, Senior E & T Counselor
Hal Payne, Commissioner of Administrative
& Fiscal Services
Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board
Supervisor Gabriels
Supervisor F. Thomas
Debra L. Schreiber, Legislative Office
Specialist

Mr. Bentley called the Federal Programs Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Girard, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Candace Kelly, Director, Office for the Aging, who distributed copies of her agenda packet to members of the Committee, *a copy of which is on file with the minutes.*

Mrs. Kelly requested permission to submit a Four Year Annual Implementation Plan for 2008-2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously approving the request as outlined above; and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16, 2007 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mrs. Kelly requested to amend the 2007 County Budget to increase revenues and appropriations as follows:

- in the amount of \$16,746 to include the final allocation of New York State funds for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

- (S.N.A.P.);
- in the amount of \$10,308 to reflect the receipt of funds allocated under Title VII Elder Abuse Prevention; and
- in the amount of \$20,000 to reflect the receipt of Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Transportation Grant award funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously approving the requests as presented; and to refer same to the Finance Committee for consideration. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Mrs. Kelly requested to extend the existing AAA Transportation Grant in the amount of \$20,000, commencing April 1, 2007 and terminating March 31, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously approving the request as outlined above; and to refer same to the Finance Committee for consideration. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mrs. Kelly further requested to extend the existing contract (Resolution No. 69 of 2006), authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Warren County Health Services, commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2008, to provide meals to patients of the Long-Term Home Health Care Program, for an hourly rate of \$4.80.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously approving the request as outlined above; and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16, 2007 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mrs. Kelly asked to extend the existing contract (Resolution No. 773 of 2006) with Warren/Hamilton Counties Action Community Economic Opportunity (A.C.E.O), Inc. for transportation to various mealsites, commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2008, for a total amount not to exceed \$18,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously approving the request as outlined above; and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16, 2007 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

With respect to the various town mealsites, Mrs. Kelly requested to extend the following contracts:

- Town of Chester, commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2010, for an amount not to exceed \$4,000;
- Town of Indian Lake, commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2012, for an amount not to exceed \$2,600 per year;
- Town of Long Lake, commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2012, for an amount not to exceed \$1 per year;
- Lake Luzerne/Hadley Consolidated Fire District, commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2010, for an amount not to exceed \$9,000 per year; and
- Town of Johnsburg, commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2012, for an amount not to exceed \$1 per year.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously approving the requests as outlined above; and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the November 16, 2007 Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Mrs. Kelly requested to extend the existing contract to provide a mealsite with the First Presbyterian Church in Glens Falls, commencing January 1, 2007 and terminating December 31, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously approving the request as outlined above; and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16, 2007 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mrs. Kelly apprised that attached to their agenda packet was the 2007-2008 H.E.A.P. (Home Energy Assistance Program) Outreach Schedule for the Warren-Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging.

Mrs. Kelly apprised their attempts to relocate the Warrensburg mealsite at the Catholic Church were unsuccessful; however, she reminded the Committee there was an outstanding resolution that had been tabled at the June Board Meeting that involved utilizing space at Countryside Adult Home. Hal Payne, Commissioner of Administrative & Fiscal Services, advised there was no space available due to the additional programs undertaken by Countryside Adult Home.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously rescinding Resolution No. 468 of 2006.

In response to an inquiry by Christie Sabo, Fiscal Manager, Mrs. Sady replied if these resolutions were adopted at the November 16, 2007 Board Meeting, the Treasurer's Office would transfer the funds the following week.

Privilege of the floor was extended to William Resse, Director, Employment & Training Administration, who distributed copies of his agenda to the Committee members, *a copy of which is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Resse requested a resolution appointing Robert Phelps, Commissioner, Warren County Department of Social Services (DSS), to the Saratoga-Warren-Washington Counties Workforce Investment Board (WIB), commencing July 1, 2007 and terminating June 30, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously approving the request as outlined above; and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16, 2007 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Relative to Item 2, Mr. Resse requested a resolution to amend the 2007 County Budget to increase revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$279,904 to reflect the receipt of funds for the various programs offered through their Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously approving the request as outlined above; and to refer same to the Finance Committee for consideration. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Resse apprised that New York State (NYS) adopted a new policy relating to staff supervision/oversight within the One Stop Centers, and they recommended that the counties enact a similar policy. At a recent staff meeting, he said, a majority of the staff were in agreement with instituting a similar policy. Upon the consent of all employees, Mr. Resse said a formal policy would be adopted.

In August 2007, Mr. Resse related that Robert Hummell, Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board, had submitted a multi-county grant to New York State that has since been approved. He said that phase 1 of this grant (\$50,000) was allocated to planning and developing a strategic plan on how to better prepare the workforce pipeline for jobs, while phase 2 (\$500,000) was earmarked for

programming and providing the services. He indicated that he had been informed that this grant *could* potentially be renewed in future years.

Mr. Resse stated that the energy, nanotechnology, advanced manufacturing and construction industries would receive some of these grant funds to assist the educational institutions in developing additional programs, as well as improving relationships/partnerships between the education and workforce development agencies. He said he would submit the final contract upon receipt of the grant funds.

Mr. Resse stated that he recently learned the Workforce Director had submitted another grant through Adirondack Community College (ACC) and if approved, he said, the funds would be utilized to further some of these initiatives.

Continuing on with Item 3(c), Sharon Sano, Senior E & T Counselor, distributed copies of her 2007 Warren County Employment & Training Summer Program Report.

Mrs. Sano briefly reviewed the report comparing the number of individuals that were enrolled in the summer programs in 1991 to those individuals enrolled in 2007. She commented that they were fortunate to receive TANF (temporary assistance to needy families) funds to employ 46 young people. Mrs. Sano commented on page 3 was the Passport to the World of Work that had been done in collaboration with the Warren County Youth Bureau, Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Council for Prevention.

Referring to page 5 of the agenda, Mrs. Sano apprised that the Employment & Training Administration was frequently monitored to assure that they met the necessary eligibility requirements. In August of 2007, she stated the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance conducted their review and on page 5 was a complimentary letter they received on behalf of their organization.

Mrs. Sano stated pages 6 through 9 were the responses they received as a result of the surveys that were generated to the various participants of the summer programs.

Mrs. Sano said it was a cooperative effort by all the entities involved (Youth Bureau, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Board of Cooperative Educational Services, City of Glens Falls, New York State Department of Education) to assist the youths in becoming successful. Mr. Payne commented an individual that assisted at Westmount Nursing Home had a relative involved in the program and was now a full-time employee.

Mr. Resse added that TANF provided a majority of the funding for this program and each year the competing interest became significantly greater.

With respect to the last item, Mr. Resse indicated they had received some input from New York State and based upon their calculations, the workforce programs could see a sixteen percent decrease in funding assistance for 2008. He said the funding allocated for programs to each county was based upon certain criteria, thereby giving some counties more assistance while other counties received less. Mr. Resse noted the United States Department of Labor had contemplated rescinding the current year funding allocation; however, he said, it was determined the data provided by some organizations had been proven erroneous.

There being no further business to come before the committee, on motion by Mr. VanNess and seconded by Mr. Girard, Mr. Bentley adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Legislative Office Specialist